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Ford studies more military aid for S. Vietnam, Cambodia

WASHINGTON — President Ford is giving "intensive consideration" to asking Congress for additional military aid to South Vietnam and Cambodia because of current Communist offensives, a White House spokesman said yesterday.

Press Secretary Ronald Nessen told newsmen Ford considers current U.S. military aid funds to both countries was insufficient. "He believes the current levels authorized by Congress are inadequate," Nessen said.

Asked if Ford believes that sending military supplies without also sending troops would be sufficient for the South Vietnamese Government to withstand Communist attacks, Nessen said, "As far as I know."

The spokesman would not say how much additional aid Ford may seek. "The details and exact dollar figures have not come to his desk for decision," he said.

In response to questions, Nessen said the President's consideration of the issue "doesn't relate specifically to the fall of the provincial capital" to Communist forces earlier this week. Rather, he said, it "relates to what we feel is necessary to allow the South Vietnamese to adequately defend themselves."

In Bangkok, an American military spokesman said yesterday that the U.S. is moving some of its heavily stockpiled ammunition in Thailand to South Vietnam.

He said he was not in a position to describe the total amount of ammunition being moved to South Vietnam but that it included bombs, mines, artillery shells and M16 rifle ammunition.

He said movement of the year

material was part of an overall redistribution of ammunition in the Pacific area.

The shipment to South Vietnam are not apparently a violation of the Vietnam peace treaty. Observers in Saigon said that under the treaty, expanded ammunition can be replaced on a one-for-one basis and that the U.S. is behind in what it could potentially supply the South Vietnamese army because of a lack of money.

In Okinawa, informed sources said that part of the U.S. Marines stationed in the island has been on a four-hour alert since Monday, presumably because of mounting fighting in South Vietnam and Cambodia.

However, military authorities refused to comment. They said no military personnel had so far been dispatched to Indochina from Okinawa this year.

Unconfirmed reports said the 9th and 12th Marine Divisions of the 3rd Marine Division were the units that had been ready to depart for Southeast Asia within four hours after the initial notice. "A small number of us will be assigned to go to Indochina to evacuate the U.S. Embassy personnel," the sources said, indicating that they were preparing to go to Cambodia.

Meanwhile, Japanese police officers near the U.S. bases said the number of American soldiers fleeing Okinawa's nightspots "had decreased to one-tenth of normal" since New Year's Day.

There are approximately 18,000 U.S. Marines stationed in Okinawa.

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The Shah of Iran and Egyptian President Sadat during their first round of talks in Cairo yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

SAUDIA BUYING \$750m. WORTH OF U.S. PLANES

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Saudi Arabia yesterday announced it had concluded a \$750m. arms deal with the U.S. for purchasing "several squadrons" of American-made F-4 Phantom II fighters.

The Saudi state radio said that Prince Sultan bin Abdul-Aziz, Defence Minister, signed two contracts concerning the arms deal last Saturday.

(A Washington, State Department spokesman John Anderson said yesterday that the aircraft ordered by Saudi Arabia would be delivered in late 1976.

He refused to disclose the number of planes involved, but one source said the deal involved some 60 jets plus support equipment, and the training of Saudi pilots and technicians.

(Anderson said the sale, for which

negotiations began six months ago, had been approved in view of the continuing U.S. military relationship with Saudi Arabia and its defence needs. He said the U.S. view was that the sale would contribute to stability in the Persian Gulf region as well as the entire Middle East.

The Saudis last night said that the new deal with the Americans would "consolidate the kingdom's ability to defend its territory."

There was no way to determine whether the new equipment for Saudi Arabia or part of it would go to Egypt — which had been promised by Saudi Arabia it would only buy weapons from sources other than the Soviet Union. At the height of negotiating the deal with the Americans last month, Prince Sultan declared that Washington has agreed to supply Saudi Arabia with new weaponry with no strings attached.

Reports in the Arab press yesterday said that Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, was now seeking warships from the West, especially in the U.S., to consolidate its naval power. While emphasizing their need for a presence in the Persian Gulf, the Saudi Arabians have also often stressed their role in the Red Sea where they were reported to be coordinating their naval operations with Egypt.

Egyptian pilots were recently reported to be training on Western-made planes. Unconfirmed reports said that Iran had been training Egyptian pilots on American-made F-4 Phantom II fighters, the purchase of which Saudi Arabia had announced yesterday.

Egyptian Ambassador to Tehran Izzat Ibrahim Suleiman was yesterday quoted by the Jordanian state radio as saying in the Iranian capital that the Shah's current visit to Egypt was aimed at strengthening cooperation between Iran and Egypt in all spheres "including the defence field."

In fact, there had been no indication from Cairo that the Shah was so far involved himself in military talks with the Egyptian leaders.

The Shah yesterday conferred with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat for about two hours following which a statement said that the two leaders discussed the Middle East conflict, international issues and bilateral relations.

In Damascus, Assad yesterday conferred with the 13-man Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization led by Yasser Arafat. The PLO leaders had called on Assad after an overnight meeting which discussed the results of last week's Cairo conference among Egypt, Syria, Jordan and the PLO.

The digging resumed and almost 2 1/2 hours after it had begun the last workman was found under a metre and a half of rubble. His eyes, nose and mouth were filled with dirt and he was presumed dead.

But as he was being carried away on a stretcher, he was heard to moan "He's alive," shouted Kubi to Mayor Teddy Kollek who had arrived earlier.

The workman, Mohammed Abdul-Lah, was 35 years old.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Showers in the north, spreading gradually southward.
Outlook for Saturday: Rainy.
Weather synopsis: A low over southwest Turkey with a trough to the east Mediterranean is moving eastward.

Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem 51	41-51	2-3
Golan 31	1-11	10-15
Nahariya 31	1-11	10-15
Safed 31	1-11	10-15
Haifa 31	1-11	10-15
Tiberias 31	1-11	10-15
Nazareth 31	1-11	10-15
Afula 31	1-11	10-15
Shomron 31	1-11	10-15
Tel Aviv 31	1-11	10-15
B-G Airport 31	1-11	10-15
Jericho 31	1-11	10-15
Qalqilya 31	1-11	10-15
Be'er Sheva 31	1-11	10-15
Eilat 31	1-11	10-15
Tiran 31	1-11	10-15

Social and Personal

President Katsir yesterday evening visited the David Ben-Gurion memorial exhibition at the Tel Aviv Museum's Helena Rubinstein Pavilion.

Religious Affairs Minister Dr. Yitzhak Rabin took part yesterday in the dedication of the synagogue at Ashdod's Ort nautical school.

Prof. Amnon Rubinstein will speak on "The Crisis in Israel Society" at the Haifa Engineers' Forum, today at 1 p.m.

The speakers at the Oneg Shabbat at Hechal Shlomo tonight at 8.30 p.m. will be Rabbi Hirsch Heyman and Yissachar Ben-Yacov of the Foreign Ministry. Zvi Ziv, Cantor Arye Goldberg, A. Melach Malka programme will be held at 8.00 p.m. tomorrow. Pinhas Eliav of the Foreign Ministry will be the guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Lender will sing and a film will be shown. The public is invited.

BIRTH

SHIFF.—To Dr. Shiff, general manager of the Diplomat Hotel, a son, Daniel, grandson to Haim Shiff, owner of the Diplomat Hotel, great grandson to Yafa Shiff.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Evelyn de Rothschild, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Technion, on Technion affairs.

Transol trims Maccabi 91-90

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Transol of Rotterdam beat Maccabi Tel Aviv 91-90 in the Group B quarter finals of the European championship club in basketball here last night. Halftime score was 43-45.

But Maccabi emerged the overall winner because it defeated Rotterdam 84-85 last week, thus scoring a total of eight points more than the Dutch team.

Israel scorers were Jim Boatwright, 32; Tal Brody, 24; and Bill Fleiss, 19.

Top scorers for Rotterdam were Jack Dinkins, 26, and Jan Looibach, 18.

An enthusiastic crowd of 10,000 turned out at Yad Elyahu Stadium, expecting to see Maccabi beat the Rotterdam team. Maccabi was clearly the better team in Holland and their nine-point victory there could have been by more points.

Surprises seemed to be the order of the night as Transol sprinted to a 24 to nine lead after eight minutes of the game. Maccabi seemed nervous and lost many balls on bad passes. As the half continued, the Israel team overcame early nervousness and applied themselves on defence. Behind the shooting of Bill Fleiss and later of Tal Brody, Maccabi managed to even the score at halftime to 43-45.

At the opening of the second half Maccabi went ahead by four points and appeared on their way to another victory. However the Dutch team refused to quit and for most of the half managed to stay even with Maccabi, which was having trouble keeping the big players of Transol, Dinkins (25 points), Looibach (18 points) and Battle (17 points), from scoring near the basket. With two-and-a-half minutes left, Transol had a six-point lead (but trailed in the combined score by three points). The strange ending saw Maccabi trying not to shoot the ball in order to retain their overall lead.

Ounce of prevention to cost IL25

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA.—Police acted quickly yesterday when Mahmut Malka reported a suspicious parcel sitting outside his stall in the vegetable market here. A sapper rushed it out into the open and blew it up immediately.

But beggar Moshe Haroush is not too pleased with them. He says the suspicious object underneath the oranges in the package was the tin box in which he was keeping his day's takings — IL25.

Haroush, 70, told police he had left the package at the stall when he went to use a public convenience. On the way out he slipped and was taken by a bystander to hospital. When he returned the package was gone.

Police, who admitted the sapper had not attempted to look in the box, immediately released the 50 persons they had rounded up. They also promised to refund Mr. Haroush his IL25.

Foster Family
sought for special child.
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Rabinowitz: Economic disaster unless pressure groups ease off

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz yesterday warned that if pressure groups cause the Government's economic programme to fail, "then we will have an unprecedented economic crisis accompanied by mass unemployment."

Speaking to the Labour Party's policy movement leadership at Beit Tabori here, Mr. Rabinowitz cautioned: "We must learn to live within our means in the coming lean years. If we don't cut down, then brutal reality will force much harsher measures on us."

The Finance Minister said the country must grid itself to meet the challenges of its new agreement with the European Community Market, which lifts protective tariffs on both sides. Israel must be able to deal with the challenge of European technology.

Mr. Rabinowitz said he aimed for three main targets: raising productivity, tax reform and restructuring of wages and jobs. Israel had hit its lowest point in productivity and was at a 25 per cent disadvantage in competing with Europe.

He agreed that the tax burden was "intolerable" but expressed hope in the current deliberations on tax reform. An enquiry commission composed of university professors is to produce its report on reform by March. A healthier tax system will improve work morale and productivity.

The Minister denied that his tax officials were coddling the better-off, noting that for the first time, a special post-devaluation tax had been levied on stocks.

He reiterated his intention to "slaughter sacred cows," especially the automatic cost-of-living allowance and the linkage system.

He charged they had become counter-productive under the impact of a 30 per cent annual inflation rate. "In other countries, they regard a 17 per cent inflation rate as a catastrophe," he remarked.

The Minister warned that unless the post-devaluation influences on prices were not excluded from the Co-L allowance mechanism, the extra wage bill would reach IL7,000m. by January 1976. He spoke of "a vicious circle, with prices chasing the Co-L allowance payment."

The Finance Minister warned that things would get much worse before they got better, as Israel was swept along by current world economic difficulties.

He appealed to the Histadrut and works committees to extend collective labour contracts without changes in wages and fringe benefits. In an apparent extension of his argument with Housing Minister Ofer, he welcomed the current restraint in building activity, saying that construction had gone well beyond the national means. The Government wants to eradicate overemployment, "which is the root of all our economic ailments,"

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VAT DEBATE

The Finance Minister announced that on Sunday the Cabinet will start debating the draft bill for the value-added tax, which will be imposed along with much needed tax reform. The Minister said tax relief would not come in the next few years, but that the taxation system would be restructured.

B-G Airport will end year IL13m. in red

BEN-GURION AIRPORT.—The Airport will end the 1974/5 financial year with a IL13 million deficit, as a result of the drop in the number of passengers and increased costs. This was reported at a press conference yesterday by Airport Director Eliezer Cohen.

Revenue is expected to total IL75m. and expenditure IL88m. Next year, a deficit of IL20m. is expected on income of IL100m., based on the same number of passengers as this year.

One of the reasons for the deficits was the large amount spent on security arrangements, he said.

Mr. Cohen reported on a number of technical improvements aimed at increasing flight safety. One of these was a closed-circuit television system which enabled control tower staff to see the end of a runway three kilometres away.

Mr. Cohen said that the Airport management was trying to secure the eviction of a number of farmers who cultivated some 2,300 dunams of land between the runways, because their tractors constituted a safety hazard.

CBS NEWS:

'CIA man quit over Israel, not domestic spying'

By WOLF I. BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—James Angleton, the former U.S. Central Intelligence Agency official, reportedly lost his job last month because of policy disputes over Israel and not because of allegations of CIA domestic spying, as originally reported.

CBS News reported on Wednesday that Angleton, who had been directly responsible for handling Israel affairs in the CIA for some 20 years, found Secretary of State Kissinger's Middle East policy too soft towards the Soviets. Angleton is said to have argued with CIA director William Colby over Middle East policy questions.

It was reported that Colby ordered Angleton not to visit East Jerusalem during a recent visit to Israel because it was occupied Arab territory.

CBS News said that one week before the "New York Times" story appeared charging domestic spying by the CIA, Colby told Angleton he would no longer handle Israel affairs. Angleton was offered two options: either to retire early or to write a manual on counter-espionage. Angleton resigned at that point, according to CBS.

TODAY'S POSTBAG

A IL5m. fund has been set up to help Sephardim here. The Jewish Agency and the Ministries of Finance and Housing. The fund will aid needy students, gifted schoolchildren, large and needy families and projects furthering Sephardi culture, as well as provide loans to factories and stores owned by Sephardim.

CURRENCY in circulation rose during the week ending yesterday by IL78,194,685, to stand at IL3,397 million. The Bank of Israel reported yesterday. Of this, IL279m. was covered by gold; and IL3,118m. by foreign currency reserves.

TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY's rugby team will meet Ramat Gan at Holon's Jessie Cohen ground tomorrow. Kick-off is at 2 p.m.



Two IDF soldiers enjoying a ride on the ski-lift at Mt. Hermon this week.

Eban: Israel can't exist in present borders

BEIT BERL.—Abba Eban M.K. said here yesterday that "Israel does not have the strength to maintain a state in the borders of the present disengagement agreements, against the will of the Arab world and without international support."

Addressing high school pupils at the Labour Party seminar here, the former Foreign Minister said: "In the present frontier situation we will not be able to hold on for long, because there is a reality that transcends our authentic strength."

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UN post offered to Haim Herzog

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Foreign Minister Yigal Allon has asked Aluf (Res.) Haim Herzog to become the next Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations. Mr. Herzog has asked for at least a fortnight to give his answer. This was confirmed yesterday by Foreign Ministry circles and sources close to the Herzog family.

Yosef Takool, the outgoing ambassador, has headed Israel's UN delegation for the past five years. Last week his impending appointment was announced as President of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Mr. Herzog was formerly O. C. Intelligence and spent some years as Israeli military attaché at the Embassy in Washington. He recently turned down an offer to head Israeli information services in North America.

His wife, Oran, is a popular lecturer and writer on domestic economics and home entertaining. They have four children — their second eldest boy is serving in the army and their two younger children are still at school.

Police dismantle two explosive devices in J'lem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two explosive devices were discovered in neighbouring houses in Jerusalem's Rehov Shmuel Hanavi yesterday afternoon. They were dismantled safely by police sappers.

The first was discovered at 3 p.m. in a hallway fuse box in 66 Rehov Shmuel Hanavi inside a paint can. It was found by a woman resident who opened the box to look for a key she had put there. She summoned neighbours who called police.

Three suspects were detained. An hour later, a young girl at 76 Rehov Shmuel Hanavi spotted another device inside a fuse box in her building.

Health hazard worry at B-G University

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA.—The library at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev should be closed down until it is ascertained whether its ceiling has been sprayed with cancer-causing asbestos fibres. This recommendation has been made by Dr. Elshu Richter of the Environmental Protection Service, an arm of the Prime Minister's Office.

Dr. Richter and the librarians say whatever is sprayed on the ceiling is flaking off very fast. But the flakes may contain a harmless asbestos substitute.

Dr. Richter told The Jerusalem Post it has been known for years that asbestos causes a fatal progressive cancer of the chest and abdominal walls 20 years or so after exposure. But it was believed to be confined mainly to sprayers of the material, who breathed it in as they worked.

Several months ago, however, Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut discovered asbestos fibres flaking off its library's walls and ceiling, closed it down and is now removing the sprayed asbestos cover.

The only "happy" factor in the Ben-Gurion University situation is that the ventilation has broken down, and the asbestos dust has not been scattered.

With deep sorrow, we announce the death of our beloved

Yael Rowland

(née Glucklich)

The funeral will leave at 12 noon, today, Friday January 10, 1975, from the Glucklich residence, 3 Rehov Hasounit, Hoft, Kfar Vitkin.

Husband, Jim
Brother, Yosef
Sister, Ruth
and all members of the family in Israel and abroad.

On the thirtieth day (shloshim) after the death of my beloved mother

POLA (Paula) FRIEDMANN

The Ashara and unveiling of the tombstone will take place on Tuesday, January 14, 1975, at 2.45 p.m. at the Kiryat Shaul cemetery. Transportation will leave from Taxi Gordon, 22 Rehov Gordon, Tel Aviv (corner Rehov Ben Yehuda) at 2.00 p.m.

We will meet at the Kiryat Shaul cemetery entrance at 2.30 p.m. Ezechiel Harry Friedmann and the Family

On the first anniversary of the death of our dear mother,

CHARLOTTE ALTMANN

We shall visit her grave for a memorial service and the tombstone unveiling on Sunday, January 12, 1975, at 2.00 p.m. in the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

A bus for those attending will leave from the pharmacy (Rehov Merkaz Baniel Melacha, corner King George St.) at 1.30 p.m. and will be at 57 Rehov Brandeis, Tel Aviv, at 1.45 p.m.

The Family

The Manager, Has Rudich, and staff of the Daniel Tower Hotel

express condolences to the

Samek, Klepeter and Baruch Families on the death of

ALEXANDER SAMEK

On the first anniversary of the death of

CLARA FELDMANN

A memorial Service will be held at Kfar Samir cemetery, Haifa, on Monday, January 13, 1975, at 3.50 p.m. Her friends are invited to attend.

The Family

SADIE GERTRUDE KAPLAN, M.B.E.

"Kappie"

will be on Sunday, January 12, 1975 at 3 p.m. at the New Cemetery, Kfar Samir, Haifa.

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All friends who cherish the memory of the late

SADIE G. (Kappie) KAPLAN

are invited to attend a memorial meeting to be held at the Moadon Ha'olich, Goldblum Centre, 12 Sderot Hanasel, Haifa on Sunday, January 12, at 4.45 p.m.

PSYCHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE ON STRESS AND ADJUSTMENT 'Tell the truth about death'

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—"Death education" should be taught in our school as much as sex education, for both afford a preparation for better living. This was stated by Prof. Herman Feifel yesterday at the "International Conference on Psychological Stress and Adjustment in Time of War and Peace."

Prof. Feifel, of the Los Angeles Veterans' Administration, said that most people refused to accept thoughts of death and did their best, through a variety of subterfuges, to suppress these thoughts. People were possessed with a "tremendous death fear," he said.

Prof. Feifel conducted a research project in which 1,000 were questioned on the subject. "The image of death for the vast majority was not a pleasant one. Death was a huge, all-devouring tiger."

Prof. Feifel believes that in the past, when mankind had a deeper and more personal belief and faith, the fear of death might not have been so strong. Then, mankind had the comforting guidance of religion, or of some religious approach to life-after-death, but the secular, materialistic society had destroyed this. Then mankind "began to try to live

on after death" in its children, or in great works of art or science.

"But today, when a nuclear holocaust can wipe out mankind and all of its achievements, even this comfort no longer remains," he said. This had created much of the violence of modern life. Many persons externalized death "in some human or abstract form," such as "the enemy," "democracy," and so on. They believed that if they could destroy this enemy, they had won the fight against death. This led to a life of violence.

The solution, he felt, was to face up to the fact that each and every one had to die, and not to try to subliminate this idea. If death were accepted, life could be richer and more meaningful. And this "death education" should start at an early age.

"We are not helping our children by hiding the facts from them. As a matter of fact, we are not trying to protect them from this knowledge, as much as we are trying to protect ourselves."

Dying persons should be told the truth. "The doctor should not consult with the patient's family about whether or not to tell the patient he's dying — the doctor should consult with the patient, about whether and when and how to tell his family."



Tucker, in a photograph taken during a visit to Israel. (Rubinger)

Richard Tucker — opera star who stayed a cantor

NEW YORK (JTA).—Richard Tucker, the synagogue cantor-turned-opera star who died of a heart attack on Wednesday (as reported in yesterday's late edition of The Jerusalem Post), was to have celebrated his 30th anniversary at the Metropolitan Opera here on January 25.

Tucker died in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he was to have appeared in a concert. He was 59 years old.

Born in 1915, Tucker started singing at the age of six, and caught the notice of Joshua Samuel Weisner, cantor of the Allen Street synagogue on the Lower East Side. Throughout his later career, he still remained a cantor, officiating annually at High Holy Day services and Passover seders.

In 1963, while on a tour of Israel, Tucker officiated at Sabbath services at Tel Aviv's Great Synagogue, after which he led hundreds of worshippers in a procession through downtown Tel Aviv singing hymns. He was a strong supporter of Israel who appeared at many rallies for the Jewish state.

Bichonski remanded for another 15 days after bail plea fails

By YACOV FREEDLER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

HAIFA — Yoram Bichonski, the 21-year-old principal suspect in the murder of the girl soldier Rachel Heller, yesterday lost a four-hour court battle to secure his release on bail. Magistrate Reuven Ben-Horin granted a police request to remand Bichonski for another 15 days after finding that sufficient evidence had been presented to cast reasonable suspicion on him.



Ben-Paked Tzameret, the police investigator with whom Bichonski was remanded in court yesterday.

Bichonski, a war invalid and boyfriend of the murdered girl, told reporters that he would go on a hunger strike to protest against the "attempt by some ambitious police officers to hang the murder on me and get the file closed." His struggle was one of principle to prevent "an innocent man getting lost in a Kafkaesque web" and being subjected to psychological torment.

Student friends of Bichonski who attended the hearing encouraged him to go on hunger strike. In his decision, Magistrate Ben-Horin said that the evidence presented by the police (most of it in chambers so that it should not be revealed to the public or the defense before the trial) was sufficient to warrant extending the remand in a murder case. For one thing, bloodstains were said to have been found in the suspect's car (Bichonski claimed they were from dog's meat). Also, the girl's body was deposited at the roadside near Caesarea, and the police claimed this showed that the offender was not strong enough to carry it a few metres further into the desert where it might not have been discovered for months — and thus suspected Bichonski, an invalid.

More Israelis left in '74, fewer returned

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A record number of Israelis left the country last year — 254,800. The figure represents an 11 per cent increase over 1973. But the number of Israelis who returned (238,400) was only six per cent more than in 1973.

\$ drain by Israelis abroad

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The country's dollar drain is being speeded up by free-spending Israelis going abroad, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. It paints the following picture:

8 held in kidnapping, murder of Beduin girl

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRIE — Eight Beduin men suspected in a kidnapping and murder in Kabul village on December 24 were yesterday remanded into 15 days' further custody by the Magistrate's Court here.

Beit Dagan gang killing suspect remanded

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMLE — The so-called underworld king of Beit Dagan, Ya'acov Salem, was yesterday remanded into 15 days' custody by the Magistrate's Court here.

Invalids sceptical of promises, plan protest

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Members of the General Invalids' Association, who occupied the Treasury's main Jerusalem offices for 56 hours in November, yesterday applied for a police permit to demonstrate on the same site for higher subsidization of their car expenses.

Druse calls for full integration in Israel life

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

He considered that a healthy man "might" deliberately have deposited the body near the highway to ensure its discovery and that the girl had been knocked unconscious by a blow on her head before she was strangled.

Riding teacher 'should get IL40,000 damage'

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — The Defence Ministry should pay a local riding school owner IL40,000 for damage done to his business by statements made by an ex-spy while under interrogation in Egypt. This recommendation was handed down by the District Court here yesterday, although it dismissed the libel suit filed by Eliahu Gordon against the Ministry.

IL 64,000 in research prizes awarded

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — IL64,000 in research prizes were distributed to four senior scientists and 16 researchers selected by the Michael Landau Foundation at a ceremony at the Tel Aviv Museum on Tuesday night, marking the 80th birthday of Dr. Michael Landau, founder of the Michael Landau.

Peruvians say they're not leaving — yet

By YORAM HANIZRAHI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GOLAN HEIGHTS — Officers of the Peruvian battalion of the UN force here yesterday described as "ridiculous" a report in "Ma'ariv" that their unit was due to leave in a few days. The report, from the paper's New York correspondent, said that no country had yet been found to replace Peru's contingent.

Katzir denies effort to form unity gov't

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HOLON — President Ephraim Katzir yesterday dismissed newspaper reports he was trying to expedite formation of a national unity government. He was answering questions put to him by Holon high school students. The President spent the day as the city's guest.

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The more important and interesting aspect of this WINTER-SCHLUSSVERKAUF is that January is the period when shops and department stores in Germany go nuts and sell everything they have in stock at give-away-prices. It is a kind of recurrent craze when shopowners decide that they need more space for the new year's collection.

They can't buy up the shop next door for additional shelf space because the shop next door has the same problem.

So the Germans, being what they are, declare a WINTER-SCHLUSSVERKAUF from 26th January to 8th February and sell everything below its real value.

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AMERICAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS STUDY: U.S. 'no win' policy could lead to Marine landing in Tel Aviv

NEW YORK (UPI). — A study released on Wednesday by the National Committee on American Foreign Policy criticizes the State Department for a "no win" Middle East policy that could ultimately lead to U.S. troop involvement in the area.

The report, drawn up by the committee by Prof. John Rhee, a former Johnson Administration aide, and Prof. Uri Raanan, both of Tufts University, maintains that American concessions at the expense of Israel may repeat "the tragic Indochina scenario."

"A strong Israel, with secure and defensible borders, is America's best insurance against having to send American troops to fight in the Middle East," the study concludes.

The report asserts that "the whole State Department concept of enticing away Moscow's Middle East clients is a 'no win' proposition."

If Israel is forced to give up the entire Sinai Peninsula, the study contends, the only results would be to give the Soviet fleet wider flexibility and to have Moscow then present even greater territorial demands on Israel going back to the abortive 1947 Partition Plan.

"The U.S. can never hope to outbid the USSR at this game, which costs Moscow nothing since it is always America that is called upon to 'deliver' at Israel's ally's expense, and the Soviet Union can keep raising the stakes until Israel is laid bare for total annihilation," the study maintains.

Ultimately, the report contends, the United States will have to draw the line on concessions at Israel's expense "or alternatively to consider the grotesque scenario of landing the Marines in Tel Aviv to coerce the only major Middle Eastern democracy into national suicide."

The report says that if Israel were eliminated as a force in the region, the Arab world would then become sharply divided, with states such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Jordan seeking American protection against more militant, Soviet-supported countries, such as Egypt, Syria and Iraq.

"The weak Arab states on 'our side,' no longer shielded by an Israeli state bearing the brunt of attack, would require direct, large-scale military support, including American troops, in order to survive aggression, overt and covert, promoted by the USSR," the report says.

"In effect, the United States would see a replication of the tragic Indochina scenario."

"The study also warned that American 'guarantees' to a weak Israel, to have any meaning, would imply the willingness to commit U.S. forces to Israel, turning it into a 'new Vietnam.'"

The committee, composed of scholars, businessmen, theologians and writers, was formed in March, 1974 to explore foreign policy alternatives. Its board chairman is Hans Morgenthau, a well-known scholar on international relations.

ELF rejects Ethiopia's overtures

BEIRUT. — The Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF) charged here yesterday that Ethiopia was trying to exploit peace negotiations in order to "contain and abort the revolution."

The ELF has been fighting for Eritrean secession from Ethiopia. An ELF spokesman said the Ethiopian Government had formed a committee of 30 Eritreans from the Eritrean capital of Asmara and had tried to negotiate with them.

When the committee rejected any offer of a federal solution to the Eritrean problem, the Ethiopians called on the committee to get in touch with the fighters in the mountains, the spokesman said.

He also accused the Ethiopian authorities of trying to bring about a tension among the Eritreans and of trying to establish a group which would accept a compromise situation.

In Ethiopia, diplomatic sources yesterday said ELF guerrillas attacked a train about 34 kms. outside the Red Sea port of Massawa.

An ELF communiqué issued in Cairo said, "we will go on fighting as long as Ethiopian forces remain in Eritrea."

In Khartoum the Sudan Government yesterday denied reports that a former Ethiopian provincial governor is preparing to wage war against the Ethiopian military regime from Sudanese soil.

Referring to a report broadcast by an "international radio station," the First Vice-President, Gen. Mohammed Ali Bagir Ahmed, denied that the former governor of Ethiopia's Tigri province, Ras Mangacha, was preparing to wage war against Ethiopia. (UPI, Reuters)

Beatles dissolve last legal links after four years

LONDON (AP). — The last legal links between the four former members of the Beatles pop group have been severed at a private hearing before a high court judge, officials reported yesterday.

The partnership between Paul McCartney, John Lennon, George Harrison and Ringo Starr was officially dissolved almost four years after McCartney issued a writ seeking the breakup.

The four have not performed together since 1969, although each has had his own solo career. The others on individual albums and singles they have issued.

Solicitors for the four declined to give details of the settlement, but said that all matters in dispute had been resolved.

A major dispute in the group had been McCartney's antagonism toward Allen Klein, the American who the three other Beatles had appointed as their manager. Subsequently, Lennon, Harrison and Starr also fell out with Klein and began legal proceedings against him last year. They alleged he failed to advise them properly.

Although the legal links of the Beatles partnership have finally gone, their complex financial affairs could take years to disentangle.

The Beatles are generally considered to have been the greatest pop group in the world. Thirty-seven of their singles records each sold more than one million copies in the U.S. The top-selling British record ever is the Beatles' "I Want to Hold Your Hand," which clocked up world sales of more than 12,000,000, including a certified sale of 5,000,000 in the U.S.

RICHARDSON. — President Ford announced "with special pleasure" yesterday he is nominating Elliot Richardson to be ambassador to Great Britain.

UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

NOTICE

Registration for the Academic Year 1975-76 will begin on Sunday, January 12, 1975, and will end on Monday, February 24, 1975.

Students who wish to renew their registration or who have studied at other institutions are kindly asked to register during this period.

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The Information and Registration Guide and Application and Registration Forms will be available at the following places:

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France ups gold hoard to world price

PARIS. — France yesterday broke away from the international two-tier system of pricing gold, quadrupling the value of its reserves from an artificial low to the free market price of about \$170 an ounce.

The move was in line with a decision in principle taken at the recent Martinique summit between President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and U.S. President Ford.

France is the first country to act on the summit decision, by revaluing its gold stocks from the official rate of \$42.22 dollars an ounce. The move is apparently designed to hasten the day when governments in general will trade gold at free market prices.

With 3,100 tons of gold in its vaults, the Bank of France registered a paper profit of \$12,320m, as a result of the change.

Dealers on the free market here have never been confronted with such a revaluation. Their initial reaction was one of caution, in expectation that the downward slide in the free price of the past few days would be reversed. The franc, which has been strengthening against the dollar, is expected to improve, dealers said.

The decision to revalue gold brought criticism from the influential financial commentator of "Le Monde," Paul Fabre. He said it was regrettable that France had acted alone in revaluing its gold stocks. Several of France's trading partners, notably Iran and Iraq, have also expressed suspicion at the government's decision.

But French government officials stressed the step was a technical one. Finance Minister Jean-Pierre Fourcade told parliament the move would not be inflationary, since the increase in France's assets would be frozen. No new money would be printed.

He said the new price was established on the basis of the free market price of gold in Zurich and London on January 7. Mr. Fourcade added that the value of the official gold and foreign exchange holding will be revised every six months, on the basis of the average value on the free market over the previous three months.

Dr. Moshe Ater, The Jerusalem Post's Economic Editor, adds:

Other major gold-holding countries, such as the U.S., Germany and Switzerland, can be expected to follow the French lead and bring their stocks of the metal up to the prevailing market value. The move may thus be a beginning of a turn to the use of gold, at least on a small scale, for the settling of international payments—a function it has not fulfilled for several decades. (Reuters, AP)

Soviet paper publishes account of Leviev case

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet trade union newspaper "Trud" yesterday printed the first public account here of the case against Mikhail Leviev, a 37-year-old Moscow Jew sentenced to death for taking bribes.

The paper said Leviev, former manager of the popular Moscow store "Tadshikistan" for 13 years until it was closed and he arrested, had carried on illegal dealings in the store involving money and valuables worth \$2.7m.

The newspaper did not mention the death penalty passed on Leviev nor that he is a Jew. It did say he was arrested after applying to emigrate via Vienna, the main clearing

point for Jews emigrating from the Soviet Union.

"Trud" said Leviev's illegal dealings were discovered after an unidentified foreigner tried to leave the country carrying \$68,500 in bank notes hidden in cigarette boxes, along with a picture of Leviev.

Last week the Soviet Supreme Court turned down an appeal from Leviev's family, and his wife said her husband, arrested in 1972, was awaiting execution. Sophia Leviev had told Western newsmen last month her husband was not guilty of taking bribes — the part of the charges against him carrying a death sentence. She did say he had been involved in extensive speculation in goods and money.

Baby elephant runs wild in Paris

PARIS (UPI). — A young elephant rampaged through the streets of Paris yesterday, breaking several store windows with his trunk before he was finally captured by his owners.

The chase began in the afternoon, when the animal escaped from the Vivier-Boulogne Circus on Rue Amiot in the city's 11th District. Circus trainers, firemen, policemen and eventually a crowd of the curious followed in hot pursuit.

The pachyderm at first wandered on streets and sidewalks, tying up traffic, but then got frightened as the number of his followers grew, circus officials said.

He rampaged wildly and broke

several storefronts, including those of a florist and a tobacconist.

A second elephant, the runaway's mother, then appeared on the scene led by a trainer. Circus officials hoped the mother elephant would be able to calm her son.

The fugitive was finally captured when he became trapped in a stairway of a post office on Rue de Saintonge in the neighbouring 3rd District.

Blast destroys Ontario b'ldg; seven dead

NORTH BAY, Ontario (Reuters). — Rescue workers yesterday searched among the rubble for an undetermined number of missing people, after an explosion on Wednesday destroyed a three-story office building, killing seven people and injuring 33 others.

Fire chief Art Haley told newsmen: "It's just horrible. In 37 years of firefighting, I've never seen anything like this."

The building, which contained a health centre, crumbled after the blast, which came as a gas crew worked at the rear of the block.

Soldier rejects wife who rewed

TAIPEI (AP). — A former Japanese soldier, reunited Wednesday with his wife after hiding 30 years in an Indonesian jungle, tried to jump off the bus carrying them home yesterday after he learned she had remarried.

An official source said Teruo Nakamura learned about Li Lan-Ying's second marriage from relatives while riding with Miss Li and their 32-year-old son. Nakamura expelled his wife from the bus and asked the driver to take him to his sister's home where he stayed in isolation, the source reported.

Kremlin chiefs, including Brezhnev, will be worrying who comes next

By DEV MURARKA

MOSCOW (Otnas). — THE FACT that his health was offered as an excuse for the cancellation of the visit to Cairo of the Soviet Communist Party General Secretary will now fuel speculation about Brezhnev's future plans. Moscow, according to its custom, is not saying anything on the matter.

Brezhnev is 68 years old this month and though the health of political figures is not discussed in the press or in public it is also no secret that some two years ago he had a stroke which had a permanent effect on his facial nerves. This is usually given as the reason for the slurring of his speech which is becoming more and more pronounced.

So while political factors were probably uppermost in the cancellation of the Egyptian visit, his health cannot be ruled out altogether.

However, the view here appears to be that there is nothing wrong with Brezhnev that a good and prolonged rest would not cure. Nevertheless, where Soviet foreign relations are concerned, his health will henceforth be a constant subject of observation and speculation. During his recent visit to France to meet President Giscard d'Estaing, the physical strain on the Soviet leader was visible and his spokesman had to deny any suggestion of his early retirement from the supreme political post in the Soviet Union.

All the evidence suggests that the plans for the next Party Congress, the 25th, are going ahead in a normal fashion and that it will



A group of Muscovites stand by the flower-laden grave of Mrs. Natalya Brezhnev, mother of Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev. The funeral took place on Wednesday.

be held in March-April 1976. There is no sign so far that it will be called early. And the next Party Congress is going to be Brezhnev's Congress, the summit of his career. Only an extreme emergency will persuade him to retire before that. There seems to be confidence enough that his health will hold out till then.

This would, however, also mean that from now on the question of his succession will receive more concentrated attention than before. Outsiders will hear very little that is reliable on the subject, but inside the higher echelons of the Party it will no longer be a complete non-issue.

If all goes well, about two years from now may be the ideal time for a change of leadership. By then Brezhnev would be 70, would have

wielded power for 12 years, and probably a certain realignment of political forces and figures would have taken place, to coincide with the 25th Congress, to allow someone acceptable to all power groups within the Party hierarchy to emerge.

Whoever emerges can do so only by a consensus. The difficulty is that there are few reliable precedents. In a way Brezhnev's own coming to power, even though it took place with dramatic suddenness and was in the nature of a political coup, could serve as the nearest to a precedent. So far there has never been an orderly political succession to top leadership in the Soviet Union. Though Brezhnev came to the top after the sacking of Khrushchev, he could do so only because there was a consensus in advance on who should succeed.

In the case of Brezhnev's succession it is all too likely that he will have a say in the matter. But this may not necessarily mean that his own nominee will be easily accepted and this may be the reason why he has so far not bestowed upon anyone the halo of heir-apparent. The race is open, as far as can be judged. But by selecting a nominee, Brezhnev and his close associates may be able to have a figure chosen who will be more or less acceptable to them while being equally acceptable to others. Thus, he will have to be a respectable centrist, with no inside reputation of being a Leftist or Rightist.

Age will be another factor. Most of Brezhnev's senior colleagues can be ruled out and the longer he stays on the more ruled out they will be, simply because of their age. Indeed, a large number of them are older than Brezhnev. Rationally, the choice lies among those who are near the 60 mark and there uncertainty prevails because there is no clear front-runner visible yet.

MISSION. — Israel's UN newspaper reported that it planned a sharp reduction in its diplomatic staff.

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Vietcong's main town said devastated by Gov't air strikes

SAIGON. — The Vietcong yesterday said the central districts of their main town, Loc Ninh, had been destroyed by Government air raids launched after the Communist capture of a provincial capital earlier this week. Dozens of people were killed and hundreds of buildings were destroyed, a Vietcong spokesman said.

The air strikes, in apparent retaliation for the capture of Phuoc Binh town, 40 kms. east of Loc Ninh, were among the heaviest concentrated on one region since the Paris Peace agreement two years ago, according to military sources here.

Meanwhile, the provincial capital of Tay Ninh near the Cambodian border went on a war footing yesterday in expectation of an early Communist attack, and thousands of refugees fled the city for the comparative safety of Saigon 88 kms. to the southeast.

Tay Ninh city is 180 kms. west of Phuoc Binh, but between the two is a large stretch of Communist-held territory including the Vietcong's provisional capital of Loc Ninh.

In Saigon, a grim looking President Nguyen Van Thieu attended a requiem mass at Saigon Basilica to commemorate the death of civilians and government troops in Phuoc Binh. The government has ordered three days of mourning.

The loss of Phuoc Binh, which generated a series of protests and appeals by the Saigon government to world organizations, last night fomented the first public criticism of Thieu by his non-Communist opposition since North Vietnamese

and Vietcong troops launched generalized offensives last December. Western political analysts had noted that the non-Communist opposition, which had carried out street demonstrations against Thieu last fall, had been quiet in recent weeks. The analysts had said that the opposition was still internally divided, lacked active mass support and did not want to be accused of giving aid to the Communist side.

Father Tran Huu Thanh, the leader of the Catholic anti-corruption movement that spearheaded the street demonstrations calling for Thieu's ouster last fall, told a political rally that the South Vietnamese President must be held responsible for the loss of Phuoc Binh.

"More land and province and district towns will fall to the Communists as long as this country is still ruled by President Thieu and his corrupt officials," Thanh said. He accused Thieu of "lying to and betraying the people," and called again for Thieu's ouster.

In Cambodia, fighting throughout the country dropped off markedly, but southeast of Phnom Penh a sharp firefight continued along Highway One, field reports said yesterday.

For the past nine days, insurgents have kept heavy pressure on Government forces defending Highway One, which links Phnom Penh with the naval base and ferry-crossing town of Neak Luong, 18 kms south-east of the Capital. Several Government outposts along the road had been wiped out and the insurgents occupy 16 kms of Highway One, beginning 30 kms south of the Capital. (AP, UPI, Reuters)



Two Middle Eastern first ladies — Empress Farah Pahlavi of Iran and Mrs. Anwar Sadat of Egypt — walk across the tarmac at Cairo Airport on Wednesday as the Shah began a four-day visit to Egypt. (AP radiophoto)

UK pilots deplore police methods in hijacking bid

LONDON (AP). — A 28-year-old Iranian was charged in court on Wednesday with the abortive hijacking of a British airliner, as controversy grew around police handling of the nine-hour drama.

Saeed Madjd, described only as an Iranian of no fixed abode, was ordered held in custody for a further hearing on January 16 to give police more time to investigate the bizarre seizure of a British domestic flight late on Tuesday.

Officials of the British Airline Pilots Association (BALPA) meanwhile charged that the police appeared to have been ready to sacrifice the lives of the five crewmen aboard the plane in their eagerness to capture the hijacker.

And an airline official who refused identification by name said the attitude of security authorities appeared to have been: "If you had to lose a crew member, you had to lose a crew member."

BALPA officials said some or all of the three crewmen and stewardesses aboard the British Airways BAC-111 jetliner could have been lost if the Iranian had been an armed terrorist instead of a mentally disturbed man armed only with a toy pistol and an empty canister.

One BALPA official said: "If the skyjacker had been a terrorist, it seems clear that the authorities would have let nothing stand in their way in order to overpower or kill him. I wonder what their attitude would have been if the passengers had been kept on board the aircraft?"

Madjd was officially charged with

obtaining £100,000 ransom with threats.

Madjd was rushed into court between two rows of policemen. A security cordon was thrown around the court and the building was searched before Madjd's arrival in a convoy of police vehicles. A gray blanket was thrown over his head as he left a police truck to enter the court.

The nine-hour hijacking drama ended at Stansted Airport, 54 kms. northeast of London, on Wednesday, when chief steward Alan Bond, 35, hit the hijacker on the head with a heavy flashlight as they left the plane.

Strings put on U.S.-Soviet trade may strangle detente

MOSCOW (AP). — The strings the American Congress attached to the U.S. Trade Act have cast doubt on the development of Soviet-American trade, a cornerstone of detente.

Not only are outraged cries coming from the Kremlin, but the American business community is generally gloomy about the act signed on January 3 by President Ford.

John Connor Jr., who heads the Moscow office of the U.S.-Soviet Trade Council, called 1974 trade figures disappointing and said, "prognostications for 1975 make me worried."

Another Moscow business source said, "Things look grim. The honeymoon, in short, is over."

Even those who maintain their optimism about trade prospects are unsure what the future holds in view of Soviet attacks on the trade bill and implications the Soviets might retaliate.

"It's still not clear," said one American who is concerned with trade issues. "The Soviets are probably looking a little more closely at the legislation."

The act extended most-favored-nation (MFN) tariffs to the Soviet Union for 18 months on the condition the Soviet Union ease emigration restrictions. It also put a \$300m. limit on Export-Import Bank credits to the Soviet Union over the next four years.

The Russians publicly and firmly stated there was no deal involving emigration quotas in exchange for trade benefits, branding such attempts as intolerable interference in domestic affairs.

In Washington, the Soviets have raised questions with Secretary of

Work resumes at riot mines in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG. — Normal work resumed yesterday at the Vaal Reefs gold mines after four days of riots and strikes which left eight Africans dead and 37 injured. Officials said that although the tension "is definitely easing," police contingents would remain on stand-by.

The Anglo-American Corporation, which administers Vaal Reefs, the world's biggest gold mining complex, said that so far 6,000 Basuto miners of the total black labour force of 21,500 had been repatriated to their homes in Lesotho.

The Basutos began rioting over a Lesotho Government ruling that 80 per cent of their earnings would be banked for them in Lesotho until they returned home at the end of their work contract. By Tuesday the situation deteriorated into open tribal fighting between Basuto and Xhosa miners and police fired tear-gas twice to restore order.

The South African Chamber of Mines revealed yesterday that the total labour force on gold and coal mines was down to 73 per cent of the number needed.

In the Lesotho capital of Maseru the cabinet met in emergency session on Wednesday to "examine all aspects relating to the recent mine work stoppages in South Africa arising from misguided information on the question of mine workers' deferred pay." A cabinet spokesman said that it had been decided to retain the 80 per cent deposit legislation as "cabinet members felt this was better than the money being used by mine owners in South Africa." (AP, UPI)

SLICK. — Huge oil slicks from the Japanese supertanker *Shojo Maru* yesterday dirtied the shores of islands in the western part of the port of Singapore and threatened its western anchorage. The tanker ran aground and spilled nearly a million gallons of crude oil.

Oman rebels say Iran has launched offensive

BEIRUT (UPI). — The leadership of the Marxist rebels fighting the regime of Sultan Qabus in Oman said yesterday 10,000 Iranian troops have launched a wide-scale offensive against them.

In a dispatch from Baghdad, the Iraqi News Agency said President Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr received a cable reporting the offensive from the leadership of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman.

According to the agency, the cable said the "hiring regime in Iran is carrying out a brutal operation of vengeance that surpassed all previous operations in ferocity."

A few thousand Iranian troops are known to be in Oman, helping the sultan's army crack down on the rebels. The rebels are entrenched in Dhofar, Oman's western district close to the border with South Yemen.

Similar cables went to the heads of state of Egypt, Syria, Libya, Algeria, and Somalia, as well as the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the agency said.

"Our battle," the cable said, is "a pan-Arab battle whose responsibility should be shouldered by all the masses, governments and nationalist forces of the Arab nation."

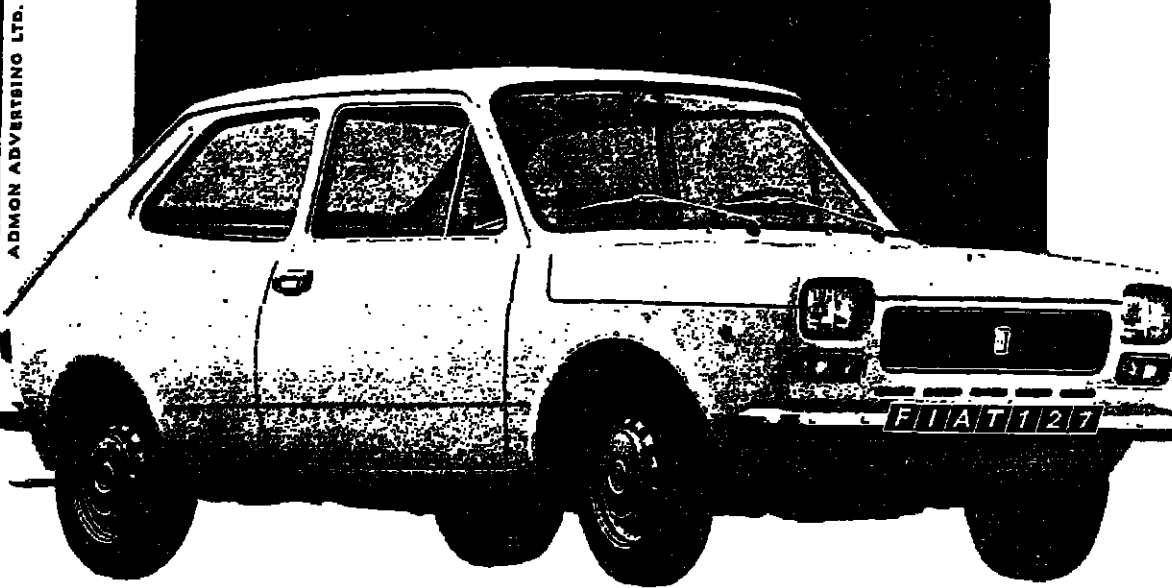


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Another was forwarded by Rabbi Moshe Cahana of Belaire, Texas, for Gary Beck for \$375. "A student of our school," writes Rabbi Cahana, "Gary learned of your excellent idea of establishing Games Libraries. He forfeited his Hanukkah present and asked that the cost of it be sent to your Fund."

Another interesting note in today's list has donations honouring events just taken place, like the Kitoff's of Arad for Donna's wedding. The Cooper Family of Jerusalem refer to a previous listing — they matched Mickey Alexander's bell savings bank gift.

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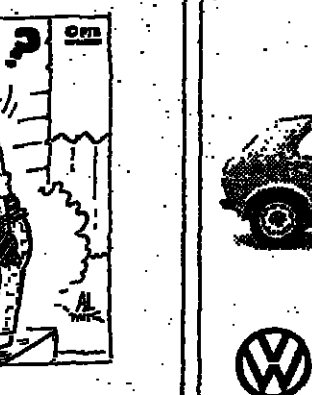
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THE DECLARATION *Nostra Aetate*, issued by the Second Vatican Council on October 28, 1965, "on the relationship of the Church to non-Christian religions" (n. 4), marks an important milestone in the history of Jewish-Christian relations.

Moreover, the step taken by the Council finds its historical setting in circumstances deeply affected by the memory of the persecution and massacre of Jews which took place in Europe just before and during the Second World War.

Although Christianity sprang from Judaism, taking from it certain essential elements of its faith and divine cult, the gap dividing them was deepened more and more, to such an extent that Christian and Jew hardly knew each other.

After 2,000 years, too often marked by mutual ignorance and frequent confrontation, the Declaration *Nostra Aetate* provides an opportunity to open or to continue a dialogue with a view to better mutual understanding. Over the past nine years, many steps in this direction have been taken in various countries. As a result, it is easier to distinguish the conditions under which a new relationship between Jews and Christians may be worked out and developed. This seems the right moment to propose, following the guidelines of the Council, some concrete suggestions born of experience, hoping that they will help to bring into actual existence in the life of the Church the intentions expressed in the conciliar document.

While referring the reader back to this document, we may simply restate here that the spiritual bonds and historical links binding the Church to Judaism condemn (as opposed to the very spirit of Christianity) all forms of anti-Semitism and discrimination, which in any case the dignity of the human person alone would suffice to condemn. Further still, these links and relationships render obligatory a better mutual understanding and renewed mutual esteem. On the practical level in particular, Christians must therefore strive to acquire a better knowledge of the basic components of the religious tradition of Judaism; they must strive to learn by what essential traits the Jews define themselves in the light of their own religious experience.

With due respect for such matters of principle, we simply propose some first practical applications in different essential areas of the Church's life, with a view to launching or developing sound relations between Catholics and their Jewish brothers.

Dialogue

TO TELL THE TRUTH, such relations as there have been between Jew and Christian have scarcely ever risen above the level

Catholics and Jews: how Vatican hopes to improve ties

The Vatican has launched a world-wide effort to rid Roman Catholic teaching of insinuations against Jews and to establish relations of "mutual esteem" with Judaism. In pursuit of this the Vatican last week issued a document which is published on this page.

of monologue. From now on, real dialogue must be established.

Dialogue presupposes that each side wishes to know the other, and wishes to increase and deepen its knowledge of the other. It constitutes a particularly suitable means of favouring a better mutual knowledge and, especially in the case of dialogue between Jews and Christians, of probing the riches of one's own tradition. Dialogue demands respect for the other as he is; above all, respect for his faith and his religious convictions.

In virtue of her divine mission, and her very nature, the Church must preach Jesus Christ to the world (*Ad Gentes*, 2). Lest the witness of Catholics to Jesus Christ should give offence to Jews, they must take care to live and spread their Christian faith while maintaining the strictest respect for religious liberty in line with the teaching of the Second Vatican Council (*Declaration Dignitatis Humanae*). They will likewise strive to understand the difficulties which arise for the Jewish soul — rightly imbued with an extremely high, pure notion of the divine transcendence — when faced with the mystery of the incarnate Word.

While it is true that a widespread air of suspicion, inspired by an unfortunate past, is still dominant in this particular area, Christians, for their part, will be able to see to what extent the responsibility is theirs and deduce practical conclusions for the future.

In addition to friendly talks, competent people will be encouraged to meet and to study together the many problems deriving from the fundamental convictions of Judaism and of Christianity. In order not to hurt (even involuntarily) those taking part, it will be vital to guarantee, not only tact, but a great openness of spirit and preference with respect to one's own prejudices.

In whatever circumstances as shall prove possible and mutually acceptable, one might encourage a common meeting in the presence of God, in prayer and silent meditation, a highly efficacious way of finding that humility, that openness

of heart and mind, necessary prerequisites for a deep knowledge of oneself and of others. In particular, that will be done in connection with great causes such as the struggle for peace and justice.

Liturgy

THE EXISTING LINKS between the Christian liturgy and the Jewish liturgy will be borne in mind. The idea of a living community in the service of God, and in the service of men for the love of God, such as it is realized in the liturgy, is just as characteristic of the Jewish liturgy as it is of the Christian one. To improve Jewish-Christian relations, it is important to take cognizance of those common elements of the liturgical life (formulas, feasts, rites, etc.) in which the Bible holds an essential place.

An effort will be made to acquire a better understanding of whatever in the Old Testament retains its own perpetual value (*cf. Dei Verbum*, 14-15), since that has not been cancelled by the later interpretation of the New Testament. Rather, the New Testament brings out the full meaning of the Old, while both Old and New illumine and explain each other (*cf. ibid.*, 16). This is all the more important since liturgical reform is now bringing the text of the Old Testament ever more frequently to the attention of Christians.

When commenting on biblical texts, emphasis will be laid on the continuity of our faith with that of the earlier Covenant, in the perspective of the promises, without minimizing those elements of Christianity which are original. We believe that these promises were fulfilled with the first coming of Christ. But it is none the less true that we still await their perfect fulfilment in his glorious return at the end of time.

With respect to liturgical readings, care will be taken to see that homilies based on them will not distort their meaning especially when it is a question of passages which seem to show the Jewish peo-

ple as such in an unfavourable light. Efforts will be made so to instruct the Christian people that they will understand the true interpretation of all the texts and their meaning for the contemporary believer.

Commissions entrusted with the task of liturgical translation will pay particular attention to the way in which they express those phrases and passages which Christians, if not well informed, might misunderstand because of prejudice. Obviously, one cannot alter the text of the Bible. The point is that, with a version destined for liturgical use, there should be an overriding preoccupation to bring out explicitly the meaning of a text, while taking scriptural studies into account. (Thus the formula "the Jews," in St. John, sometimes according to the context means "the leaders of the Jews," or "the adversaries of Jesus," terms which express better the thought of the evangelist and avoid appearing to arraign the Jewish people as such. Another example is the use of the words "pharisee" and "pharisaism" which have taken on a largely pejorative meaning.)

The preceding remarks also apply to introductions to biblical readings, to the Prayer of the Faithful, and to commentaries printed in missals used by the laity.

Teaching and Education

ALTHOUGH there is still a great deal of work to be done, a better understanding of Judaism itself and its relationship to Christianity has been achieved in recent years thanks to the teaching of the Church, the study and research of scholars, as also to the beginning of dialogue. In this respect, the following facts deserve to be recalled.

It is the same God, "inspiration and author of the books of both Testaments" (*Dei Verbum*, 16), who speaks both in the old and new Covenants.

Judaism in the time of Christ and the Apostles was a com-

plex reality, embracing many different trends, many spiritual, religious, social and cultural values.

The Old Testament and the Jewish tradition founded upon it must not be set against the New Testament in such a way that the former seems to constitute a religion of only justice, fear and legalism, with no appeal to the love of God and neighbour (*cf. Deut. 6:5, Lev. 19:18, Matt. 22:34-40*).

Jesus was born of the Jewish people, as were his Apostles and a large number of his first disciples. When he revealed himself as the Messiah and Son of God (*cf. Matt. 16:16*), the bearer of the new Gospel message, he did so as the fulfilment and perfection of the earlier Revelation. And although his teaching had a profoundly new character, Christ, nevertheless, in many instances, took his stand on the teaching of the Old Testament. The New Testament is profoundly marked by its relations to the Old. As the Second Vatican Council declared: "God, the inspirer and author of the books of both Testaments, wisely arranged that the New Testament be hidden in the Old and the Old be made manifest in the New" (*Dei Verbum*, 16). Jesus also used teaching methods similar to those employed by the rabbis of his time.

With regard to the trial and death of Jesus, the Council recalled that "what happened in his passion cannot be blamed upon all the Jews then living, without distinction, nor upon the Jews of today" (*Nostra Aetate*, 4).

The history of Judaism did not end with the destruction of Jerusalem, but rather went on to develop a religious tradition. And, although we believe that the importance and meaning of that tradition were deeply affected by the coming of Christ, it is still none the less rich in religious values.

With the prophets and the apostle Paul, "the Church awaits the day, known to God alone, when the Lord in a single voice and 'serve him with one accord' (*Soph. 3:9*)" (*Nostra Aetate*, 4).

Information concerning these questions is important at all levels of Christian instruction and education. Among sources of information, special attention should be paid to the following:

- catechisms and religious textbooks
- history books
- the mass-media (press, radio, cinema, television).

The effective use of these means presupposes the thorough formation of instructors and educators in training schools, seminaries and universities.

Research into the problems bearing on Judaism and Jewish-Christian relations will be encouraged among specialists, particularly in the fields of exegesis, theology, history and sociology. Higher institutions of Catholic research, in association if possible with other similar Christian institutions and experts, are invited to contribute to the solution of such problems. Wherever possible, chairs of Jewish studies will be created, and collaboration with Jewish scholars encouraged.

Joint Social action

JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN tradition, founded on the Word of God, is aware of the value of the human person, the image of God.

SPORTS ABROAD

SOCCER

LONDON BOOKMAKERS list third place Liverpool 3-4 favourites to win the English League soccer championship. Everton priced at 12-2, Middlesbrough at 7-1 and Ipswich at 8-1.

English Soccer Reserves on Tuesday: English Cup, Third Round Replays: Aldershot 2, Exeter 2, Hull 2, Fulham 2, Middlesbrough 1, Wycombe 0, Millwall 1, Burnley 1, Queens Park Rangers 2, Southend 0, Rotherham 0, Stafford 2, Walsall 2, Manchester United 2, York 1, Arsenal 3.

Amateur club Leatherhead, drawn at home against English League first division side Leicester City in the fourth round of the Football Association Cup on January 25, decided to play the tie at Leicester. The Leatherhead ground has a capacity of only 5,500. A club spokesman said: "We consider that the task of staging this tie is beyond the capability of Leatherhead. It would not be fair to Leicester with our limited facilities, and someone might get hurt in a crush."

Leatherhead, who play in the minor Tottenham League, secured a great 1-0 away victory over third division team Brighton in the third round of the cup last Saturday.

THE STARTING TEAM in the National Basketball Association annual East-West All-Star game at Phoenix, Arizona, has been announced. The game, to be played on January 14, was picked by a public ballot for the first time. Previously, the starting teams were picked by sports writers and broadcasters.

For the East, Bob McAdoo, centre of the Buffalo Braves, was the No. 1 vote-getter with 98,235 votes. Also picked on the East team were guards Walt Frazier and Earl Monroe of the New York Knicks, forwards John Havlicek of the Boston Celtics and Elvin Hayes of the Washington Bullets.

For the West, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, centre of the Milwaukee Bucks, was the lead with 77,832 votes. Forwards picked were Rick Barry of the Golden State Warriors and Spencer Haywood of the Seattle Super Sonics. Picked as starting guards were Gail Goodrich of the Los Angeles Lakers and Nate Archibald of the Kansas City-Omaha Kings.

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Division 1									
Philadelphia	19	11	8	46	161	128			
N.Y. Rangers	18	16	7	43	112	110			
N.Y. Islanders	15	16	9	39	120	110			
Division 2									
Vancouver	22	13	5	49	144	122			
Chicago	20	16	8	44	137	117			
St. Louis	16	17	6	38	120	128			
Detroit	11	22	5	27	102	167			
Kansas City	8	27	4	16	77	161			
Division 3									
Montreal	22	6	12	56	179	111			
Los Angeles	20	6	12	42	117	72			
Pittsburgh	14	16	8	38	122	124			
Winnipeg	10	22	5	28	104	143			
Washington	3	23	4	10	50	216			
Division 4									
Buffalo	22	8	6	56	172	125			
Boston	22	10	6	50	185	118			
Toronto	12	8	12	32	127	144			
California	10	22	8	28	111	164			

'Guidelines good but Jewish beliefs are overlooked'

WE WELCOME the publication of the Guidelines for the application of the decisions of the Second Vatican Council in the area of Catholic-Jewish relations. We believe these Guidelines, as well as the recently announced establishment of a Commission on Relations with Judaism, will serve to encourage better understanding and improved relations between Catholics and Jews. The urgent condemnation of anti-Semitism and discrimination could not be more timely.

We wish to note that in certain countries Catholic-Jewish relations have progressed beyond the level envisioned in these Guidelines. In those countries, Catholic leadership has recognized that the admonition contained in these Guidelines "to learn by what essential traits the Jews define themselves in the light of their own religious experience" requires an acknowledgement of the central role of peoplehood in Jewish religious thought and of the consequent religious character of the historic attachment of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel.

While these new Guidelines fail to take note of this important aspect of Jewish self-understanding, we are nevertheless encouraged by the suggestion in Card. Willebrand's introductory remarks that the "sobriety" of the Guidelines is not intended to put a brake on the more advanced manifestations of Catholic-Jewish relations.

We are mindful that the Guidelines constitute a document addressed not to the Jewish people but to the Catholic faithful. It should not be surprising, therefore, to find in this document certain perceptions of salvation history that diverge entirely from the Jewish perspective. For the same reason, it should also not be surprising to find that the document advocates certain inter-religious activities — such as common prayer — which are religiously unacceptable to Catholics, but which may be religiously unacceptable to certain segments of the Jewish community. This, however, in no way lessens the positive response that is to be expected from every segment of the Jewish community to this new effort at comprehension of Judaism and cooperation between the two faiths that is represented by the Guidelines.

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Love of the same God must show itself in effective action for the good of mankind. In the spirit of the prophets, Jews and Christians will work willingly together, seeking social justice and peace at every level — local, national and international.

At the same time, such collaboration can do much to foster mutual understanding and esteem.

Conclusion

THE SECOND VATICAN Council has pointed out the path to follow in promoting deep fellowship between Jews and Christians. But there is still a long road ahead.

The problem of Jewish-Christian relations concerns the Church as such, since it is when "pondering her own mystery" that she encounters the mystery of Israel. Therefore, even in areas where no Jewish communities exist, this remains an important problem. There is also an educational aspect to the question: the very return of Christians to the sources and origins of their faith, grafted onto the earlier Covenant, helps the search for unity in Christ, the cornerstone.

In this field, the bishops will know what best to do on the pastoral level, within the general disciplinary framework of the Church and in line with the common teaching of her magisterium. For example, they will create some suitable commissions or secretariats on a national or regional level, or appoint some competent persons to promote the implementation of the conciliar directives and the suggestions made above.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Oil stocks get boost

TEL AVIV. — Disclosures of gas discoveries at Nir-Am 3 pumped new life into the oil stocks yesterday. Naphta took on air to close at 100 on a turnover of 23,000. Bank Leumi continued active, ending up at 239 — half a point above Wednesday's closing price; volume was 53,700 shares.

Lerzel Land Development was unchanged for the third day straight — 105 — with 54,000 shares changing hands. Other active issues were:

	1.1.75	2.1.75		1.1.75	2.1.75
Bank Hapoalim (new)	249	249	Bank Hapoalim (old)	249	249
Bank Leumi	239	239	Bank Leumi	239	239
Naphta	100	100	Naphta	100	100
Lerzel Land Development	105	105	Lerzel Land Development	105	105
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Industry's enemy
Tony Benn is
now the saviour

By DAVID LENNON

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The economic difficulties which are besetting Britain have resulted in some rather surprising developments in relations between government, industry and the trade unions.

Before the two elections last year, industry was strongly urging people not to vote for the Labour Party because of its nationalization programme. For most industrialists the fear of being nationalized appeared to be their paramount concern.

Today, industries of every shape, size and complexion are flocking in droves to knock on the Government's door asking for help in halting them out of their financial difficulty. The left-wing Secretary for Industry, Tony Benn, one of the main advocates of nationalization, welcomed most of them with open arms. He was more than willing to bail the companies out, in return for a government say so in the running of the companies.

After being vilified for his vociferous advocacy of nationalization, Benn has virtually ceased to speak on the subject, probably because he is too busy arranging for partial take-overs of leading companies like Leyland and Ferranti. These past few days he must be just a little disappointed at the fact that the Bank of England stepped in to help the ailing Burnham Oil Company, when he might justifiably have expected that firm too to fall into his arms.

However, Burnham was probably an exception, and it is likely that as the economic climate continues to worsen, Benn will have more than enough companies to nurse with one which gets away.

The Prime Minister, Harold Wilson, is not such an ardent advocate of nationalization, though he will always pay lip service to policies beloved of the party rank and file. However, in the past few weeks he must have become rather worried at the number of companies rushing to volunteer for at least partial nationalization.

Of course, he has had his plate rather full with the trade unions. Wilson was helped by his narrow election victory last year by an unwritten agreement with the unions called the "social contract". In essence this was an agreement by the unions to keep wage demands down, if the Government kept prices down.

With inflation exceeding 18 per cent in 1974, it was no easy task to persuade the unions that the Government was keeping its side of the bargain. By calling massive wage increases for groups like the nurses "exceptional payments for special cases", and placing extreme pressure on people like the coal miners to make them back down from demands for huge pay rises, the Prime Minister has managed to survive 1974 with at least part of the social contract still intact.

But the strain must be telling, and many are predicting that before 1975 gets much older he may have to consider imposing some form of wage restraint, despite the social contract having excluded such action.

This pressure on the one hand, and the fear that Tony Benn was spending too much to rescue and semi-nationalize companies on the other, came together in a speech he made last weekend.

The Prime Minister declared, to the unions, that the Government could not go on investing public money in companies like Leyland unless the workers whose jobs are being saved make their own contribution by doing a fair day's work and avoiding unnecessary strikes.

So, as the new year gets under way with every expectation of a worsening economic climate, two of the main governmental figures responsible for the economy appear to have reversed the roles they held only a few months ago.

Tony Benn is now seen as more the saviour of industry than its greatest enemy. Harold Wilson is now looking much more like the critic of the unions than the friend he appeared to be.

A little too
romantic

Ilan Rogoff's latest recital (Tel Aviv, Museum, Jan. 4), once again demonstrated that while he is capable of achieving very impressive results, he has not been able to overcome basic shortcomings in his style. In Bach's Chaconne (arranged by Busoni) which was attacked with great strength and dressed in huge orchestral sonorities, there can be no doubt that Rogoff felt the really big gestures of this music. But the approach, especially in lyrical passages, was much too romantic and Rogoff was unable to create a coherent continuity. Liszt (sonata in B minor), too, contained immensely impressive passages as well as highly objectionable ones. By emphasizing contrasts Rogoff created tension and demonstrated unswerving steadfastness. On the other hand many passages revealed inconstant aggressiveness and some of the more technical sections could under no circumstances be accepted as satisfactory.

The last item, Schumann's C Major Fantasy, seemed the least controversial of the three. Rogoff indeed seems happily at home in romantic music, and aside from his occasional, much-to-be-regretted aggressive outbursts, many passages illustrated his sensitivity.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

Piano work goes
orchestral

AN ORCHESTRAL ARRANGEMENT of Prokofiev's "Visions Fugitives" by conductor Shmuel Friedman was performed by the Haifa Symphony Orchestra at a special concert (Auditorium, January 4). Like Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition", Prokofiev's work was originally written for the piano. In Friedman's arrangement the various instruments suitably imitated the small, picturesque movements, the different colours of the piano range.

Eliyahu Shulman's delivery of his violin part in Mozart's Concerto No. 5 in A Major showed his excellent sense of style and a warm, vibrant tone. He is the leader of the Zahal Quartet and already quite a seasoned artist. Pianist Shoshana Rudnik, a young Russian immigrant who has been here only a year, is also an experienced performer. She displayed outstanding musicianship and a flowing faultless technique in Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2 in F Minor.

Both soloists were accompanied by the orchestra in an inspired and graceful manner under Friedman's baton.

G.W.B.

Satire with punch

O Lucky Man (Peor, Tel Aviv). Lindsay Anderson's latest film, is a high-spirited satire on contemporary life that is at times very funny and at times horrifying.

The central character is Mick Travers (presumably the Mick Travers one saw as a non-conformist schoolboy leading a campus revolution in Anderson's "If," shown here about three years ago). The role is superbly played by Malcolm McDowell, a very gifted young actor, who played Travers and also the chief part in Kubrick's "Clockwork Orange." The screenplay by David Sherwin is said to parallel some of MacDowell's early experiences.

But this Mick is no revolutionary. He is a young man anxious to succeed within the system and is first seen as a trainee coffee-salesman being initiated, in a very amusing scene, into the ways of the game by Rachel Roberts and Arthur Lowe. Happily self-confident Mick sets out on his journey north from London to cover the territory he has been given. A modern Candide, ready to trust everybody, he is in for some nasty jolts. He stumbles into an atomic research station, is taken for a spy and given a Gestapo-like interrogation. He is persuaded by a male nurse to become a paid volunteer for unprincipled medical research. Getting a lift back to London from a Pop music group, he meets Patricia (Helen Mirren) whose father is millionaire financier Sir James. He manages to meet Sir James (Ralph Richardson, who also doubles as Mick's fellow lodger in a boarding house who gives him a gold lame suit), becomes his assistant and finds himself made the fall guy for one of Sir James's international swindles. He goes to jail and when he comes out is determined to do good. But his efforts are rejected. Penniless, bedraggled, he joins a crowd auditioning for a film star. The director is Lindsay Anderson himself. A clapper board reads "O Lucky Man. Scene 755. Take 1." Anderson tells Mick to smile. He says he cannot. There is nothing to smile about. Anderson hits him on the head. Then a smile does crinkle his eyes — maybe at life's absurdity.

The whole cast is fine with most of the actors playing two roles. Alan Price's music and songs are first rate with the group actually

More action than
excitement

Newman's Law (Hod, Tel Aviv) opens with detective Newman (George Peppard) and his partner Garry (Roger Robinson) getting a tip which leads them to a huge cache of hashish and to the corpse of its drug-pushing owner. While they are in the house a phone call comes from Naples. Newman answers and before he is cut off recognizes the voice of deported narcotics King Falcone (Louis Zorich).

This is another of those pictures with an honest cop waging a lone battle against his corrupt colleagues as well as the underworld. Naturalistic there is one shoot-up after another, culminating in a big bust-up in a supermarket and, of course, everyone except Newman is double-crossing everyone.

Despite all the action, the film does not induce excitement, firstly because we have seen so many of this type of picture and then because there is no attempt at characterization. Newman is no Sergio and Peppard is certainly no Al Pacino. Directed by Richard Heffron. S.W.

Shoplifter ate
all her papers

LONDON (AP). — A young mystery woman who ate all evidence of her identity when arrested appeared in court here Wednesday under the name of "Female Anon."

Police said she has not spoken since being picked up for shoplifting and she ate all her personal documents, including two identity cards.

Interpreters quizzed her in English, Spanish, French, Italian, German, Russian and Hungarian, but got no response, police said.

WALL STREET

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MODERATE GAINS ON WALL STREET

NEW YORK (AP). — The stock market posted a moderate gain yesterday on a mid-afternoon round of buying. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose six points half an hour before the close.

VIEWPOINT

Making profit out
of scrap material

By Dr. A. BERGMANN

IT IS PERHAPS time for Israel to take to heart the old Chinese proverb that "a thousand mile journey begins with the first step" and learn to content itself with "progress" in small steps.

The great industrial nations of the world see nothing incompatible with their dignity in searching for small savings. They are constantly seeking new methods for recycling what has hitherto been considered unusable: paper, sewage, scrap metal or surplus stocks. With our foreign exchange reserves now below the danger line, we can hardly afford to avoid an opportunity to save even half a million dollars annually.

Foreign visitors often express their surprise at the sight of the waste which lines so many of Israel's streets and highways. After touring Tel Aviv, one tourist commented that he had never seen a town with so many pretty girls and so many rubbish-chattered streets.

Where waste is so far from being an economic problem, it is a waste of money. With the present prices of glass, paper and scrap iron, to name only a few, an organized collection of waste materials could not only make life more attractive — it could be a paying proposition.

A small start has been made. In a half-hearted way, the Soldiers Welfare Committee collects waste paper, but perhaps a more structured organization would be a better vehicle. England employs thousands of workers in precisely this type of work, which yields handsome profits besides saving scarce foreign exchange. Collection of empty bottles on the other hand, is not an economic proposition in the U.K. But in Israel, with prices for industrial products on a different scale, the situation might conceivably differ.

German merchants have converted recycling into an extremely profitable occupation. Krupp-Ardekr has introduced a machine "recyclers" which travels the country's highways converting car wrecks into small compact packages. Moreover, a special "shredder" converts up to 90,000 derelict cars annually into handy scrap for steel producers.

There are also plans to recycle the refuse heaps of the larger towns, which are believed to contain enough waste paper and metal to justify the investment.

What is possible in highly industrialized countries may not necessarily succeed in Israel. Still, the possibilities of recycling waste material deserve some consideration; they may even justify some investment.

Our administration is undoubtedly eager to save foreign exchange, but there are also administrative difficulties. The fiscal system is perhaps too rigid to encourage utilization of certain reserves and is slow to adapt to changing economic conditions.

For instance, a local publishing house has reportedly accumulated

some 50 tons of lead in the form of stereos (the plates from which book pages are printed). In past years, publishers retained the plates for possible reprints, but now books are easily reproduced by offset. These lead worth perhaps \$30,000 could be sold. But the publishers must pay about 70 per cent in taxes, compulsory loans, etc. on the proceeds of such a sale. As a result, the metal is left unused.

This, of course, is a minor item. Israel's publishing houses may hold \$300,000 or \$400,000 all told in such metal reserves, and with \$400,000 in hand, the state could save \$50,000 annually in interest — an insignificant item in a deficit of thousands of millions. But similar accumulations of surplus material exist everywhere — even in government offices. Both the owners and the economy would gain if such surplus stocks could be brought to market. In the long run, a flood change which would make this possible would not only be an actual loss in revenue to the Treasury since income from the sale of surplus stocks could be excluded from taxable income only if retained in a blocked account for reinvestment. Moreover, assets acquired from such blocked balances would not be entitled to the statutory depreciation allowance.

Another oversight is foreign coins. The banks do not consider it worthwhile to buy them from residents returning from abroad. As a result, there is now a quarter, or perhaps half a million dollars worth of foreign coins in the country, much of it long forgotten by the owners.

But these minor items, of course, do not represent the real problems of recycling. Haifa may initiate an irrigation experiment utilizing the sewage of the Haifa conurbation. The experiment poses certain dangers: can the soil absorb this type of water without risk, without ecological upsets? Sewage water, however, recycled, has noticeable ill-effects, and the land irrigated with the waste water has been producing, with substantial profits, for more than a century.

Schemes of this size require heavy investment (even though credits are usually available to spread the burden over a number of years) and if urban waste water were to be transported to the Negev it could run into hundreds of millions of pounds. But the investment capital could probably be found.

The risks accompanying such attempts at large-scale recycling are indeed heavy, and "trial and error" is the only method available. But the present state of Israel's economy forces us to go ahead and at any rate to take every possibility into active consideration.

Perhaps we should head the Puritans, who had the answer to such shortages: "Do it yourself, make do or do without!"

Dr. Bergmann is general manager of the Maritime Bank.

Better service from Ampa

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — With an investment that will eventually reach IL2m., Ampa has taken a series of steps the past few months to improve its repair service.

Mr. Oded Grodeski, deputy general manager of Ampa, told The Jerusalem Post this week that measures taken so far include an expenditure of IL3.5m. to buy a fully automatic telephone exchange with 50 lines to replace its old 25-line exchange, the hiring of some 12 more technicians, and the purchase of 50 new vehicles.

Next month the company will open a service centre in North Tel Aviv (in Rehov Pinkas near Sderot Weizmann) thus obviating the necessity for customers to travel to the present Ampa service centre near the Central Bus Station. Other steps include: The construction of an Ampa centre in Haifa to service the north of Israel, a course in public relations for staff members who deal with the public and a retraining course for technicians.

Mr. Grodeski explained to The Post that since the Yom Kippur War, Ampa has been receiving a number of complaints about its service. He said that with 35 per cent of Ampa technicians doing reserve duty, the staff that remained was unable to adequately deal with the 40,000 calls for repairs received by Ampa each month.

However, the delays in service, Mr. Grodeski claimed, had recently been considerably reduced. Nowadays a customer can have his refrigerator or air conditioner repaired within a day. If new parts are needed, the waiting time has been reduced from up to a month to 7-10 days. This was the result of an agreement with Amcor, which manufactures the refrigerators, air conditioners and television sets which

Ampa sells and services. From now on, Amcor will produce first the parts for service and then the parts necessary for its regular production.

The problem of the hour at which repairsmen are expected to turn up — a question that Minister of Commerce Haim Bar Lev has urged service companies to attend to — is now being studied by Ampa. Mr. Grodeski said that if customers were allowed to give their preference for the hour, an Ampa study had shown that most would want servicemen to come between 1 and 4 in the afternoon. This would mean the men would be idle and unproductive for the rest of the day, assuming that they could manage all repairs within that period.

Both soloists were accompanied by the orchestra in an inspired and graceful manner under Friedman's baton.

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Less than a supermarket

IT HAS by now become almost a cliché to remark on the disparity inside the Labour Party. And while the other political parties may be in an equally sad state, the inner weaknesses and tensions of the Labour Party are of more interest and importance since they intrude more easily and directly into the arena of government.

The Labour Party's difficulties derive from the collapse of its past leaders and the inner conflicts that existed before the Yom Kippur War but have been aggravated by it.

The result is a party that is even less cohesive than the supermarket image which detractors use to describe it. Rather it has begun to assume some of the features of the American party model, namely an ill-defined coalition of interest groups and personalities bound by a slender thread of sentiment stemming from the past, but brought together largely for election purposes.

The machinery of the historic party, with its forums for airing the issues of state and giving direction to the party "representatives" in government, have become moribund. The only forum that still exists, though not with adequate purpose or discipline, is the caucus of our Knesset members. Little wonder then that other unau-

thorized groupings spring up like the "Open Forum" established recently by the party doves together with Mapam. And little wonder that the party does not fulfil its role of recruiting and attracting new leadership potential.

For those veteran members who still cling to the image of a fairly well-disciplined political body with at least the outlines of a definable ideology and political direction, the situation is dismaying and bewildering indeed. But even younger and perhaps more pragmatic members must know that a political party cannot for very long draw its own existence from the sterility of its opposition.

Mr. Rabin has, thus far, not shown any signs of interest in resuscitating his ravaged party. His natural caution and absorption in the affairs of state must be part of the reason, though the very rapidity of his jump from a career entirely divorced from party organization no doubt plays a role as well.

However, this is not a path that he can afford to pursue for very long. For the very demands of government leadership cannot be fulfilled without grasping the political base from which this leadership derives.

ISRAEL PRESS

The Shah's M.E. aims

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) is confident that nothing about the Shah's visit to Jordan and the aid he has promised King Hussein should cause anxiety to Israel. "It is correct to assume that the Shah's efforts are aimed at establishing a bloc based on Egypt-Iran-Saudi Arabia, this new arrangement of forces should not worry Israel (though there may be a cooling-off of relations with Jerusalem). It should have a moderating effect on Soviet influence and strengthen the political option in the region. We should wait for the outcome of the Shah's visit to Cairo, which may be more significant, before drawing any far-reaching conclusions concerning his powerful drive to return to the heart of the Arab world."

DAYAR (Histadrut) comments on Israel's request for \$2b. in aid for the coming fiscal year: "In view of

the economic recession in the U.S., Israel refrained from asking for long-term aid. Even this sum seems a large one, but it seems justified, with new reports every day of large-scale military aid to the Arab countries from all sides. Their economies are being bolstered by the vast oil incomes which they have accumulated through extortion from the West — including the U.S., and today they are expecting American and Iranian aid as well.

"If there is any significance to U.S. undertakings to preserve the arms balance in the region, the request for next year is an absolute minimum. Of course Israel is anxious for a political settlement that will avert war, but whether such an agreement is attained or not, peace can be preserved only if the balance of military forces is maintained."

FOREIGN PRESS

Oil countries 'not immune'

The Wall Street Journal said in yesterday's editorial: "Libya may have good cause for nervousness" as its "oil production has slumped to 800,000 barrels a day from 1.7m. on average in 1974... It is probably no coincidence that it recently removed its embargo on oil shipments to the U.S. and has been tinkering a bit with prices of government-owned oil. Libyan prices are at the high end of the OPEC cartel range... It might be expected that Libya would feel the pressure first of diminishing demand as the world economy slows... even oil producing

countries are not immune from the market and world economic trends." The Washington Star-News yesterday commented on Western oil unity: "The difference between the U.S. and most other major consuming nations on how to meet the oil dilemma is more fundamental than a quibble over financing of imports. The Europeans and the Japanese, proportionately more dependent on OPEC oil and constitutionally less willing to flex muscles, are more anxious than we are to avoid a confrontation and the appearance of a confrontation — with the oil-exporting bloc. American efforts to form a solid front of importing countries, the better to bargain with the exporters for a more tolerable price level, have met oil aggression with timidity, hoping that by being nice it will get relatively merciful treatment and fearing that alternative courses would bring worse results. American policy, though amazingly restrained, has a more pugnacious tone — seeking Western unity and accepting the prospect of confrontation with our economic antagonists."

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The gap between the U.N.'s ideals and its actions is discussed by Avraham Yekel. He is concerned particularly that Israel's youth should not be led into cynicism by the U.N. of today and lose all hope of understanding and genuine cooperation among the nations.

The UN: challenge for youth of Israel

THE UNITED NATIONS has travelled a long way downhill since its establishment in 1945 when it seemed to be the hope of a better world. It has become a place where power politics and economic interests dictate world policy, where the weaker nations who have no desirable natural riches have become the victims in a plainly perfidious and often openly brutal political game.

It has been Israel's lot to be one of the principal victims of this game and it is understandable that the image of the United Nations in this country has for many years been a negative one. Young Israelis have grown up with the consciousness that, as far as Israel is concerned, the U.N. is not a very constructive body.

This consciousness poses an extremely difficult problem for the Israeli educator. No matter how hard he tries to understand the difficulties confronting the world organization, he cannot disregard the fact that Israel can never expect justice or even a fair hearing, from the U.N.

On the other hand, the Israeli teacher who does not want to limit himself to seeing the world from a narrow chauvinistic viewpoint, realizes that the younger generation whom he is trying to educate is going to live in a world growing continuously smaller. He therefore finds himself looking for ways of teaching the young Israeli to distinguish clearly between the actions of the U.N. and the ideals of international cooperation.

One of the first requirements is to give the young Israeli an overall picture of humanity in our times, the tremendous problems which joint world efforts can solve — such as hunger, illiteracy, and pollution — and the international efforts being made to solve them by nations and international organizations, including the U.N. and some of its Agencies.

The young Israeli must be taught to overcome his dislike for anything connected with the U.N. and its Agencies and to learn more about the non-political side of its activities.

Many Israelis, including even the well-educated, may want to disregard the activities of bodies like Unesco, Unicef, the World Health Organization, and others, claiming that these are also affected by a political reality. But the fact is that these bodies have a great deal of positive work to do, and credit, and that Israel has also been among the beneficiaries.

In our names and that of many others, we ask the Government to postpone this fateful date. We shall be able to give some more years of constructive work and suffer less frustration.

MOSE COHEN
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BEN ZVI FINKEL
Tel Aviv, December 2.

The National Insurance Institute replies:

The decision to fix the retirement age at 65 was not taken by the National Insurance Institute.

The National Insurance Law fixes the statutory age for payment of old age pension at 70, and the optional age between 65 and 70 when a pension is only paid to those whose income is not above a sum fixed by law.

The law does not make it a condition for payment that work be reduced or stopped entirely at 65 (the section of the law which made retirement compulsory at 65 was abrogated some time ago) and, as stated above, the only criterion for payment during the optional years is income, and this for social reasons.

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With regard to retirement age, we know that it is customary now to postpone it in the civil service beyond 65, on condition that the employee is healthy and an essential worker.

SEMDAR ZILO,
Assistant Public Relations Officer
Jerusalem, December 24.

IMPORTANT ANNUAL REGISTRATION OF BRITISH RESIDENTS

All citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies and of Commonwealth countries (except Australia, Canada and Malta), British subjects without citizenship and British-protected persons, who are resident in Israel but are NOT citizens of Israel, are reminded that they should register each year, preferably in January, at a British Consular Office. Failure to do so regularly may involve the removal of their names from the register.

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Residents of, and visitors to, Israel who intend to register may apply with their British passports between 8.00 a.m. — 1.00 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, at:

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strong enough to have any influence on the U.N.

To the Israeli educator, this unhappy reality creates both a tremendous challenge and a thankless but highly responsible task. He must overcome his own disgust with the U.N. and its dealings and introduce an unpopular subject. He must, of course, take the easy way and ignore this thorny subject altogether, especially since he has so many other priorities. Yet, any responsible teacher realizes that this would have no effect on the U.N. and the only impact would be on the Israelis themselves. The losers would be our young generation which will be living in the world of the 21st century when problems, already acute today, will affect the lives of the citizens of very single nation, no matter how small or big.

No country, not even the most powerful, can afford to bring up its youth involved only in their domestic problems and prepared only to serve their own narrow national causes. In the coming century, there will be no existence for any nation or individuals who do not fit into the overall world-wide set-up.

It is hard to say whether the U.N. in its present form will exist for long. But it is certain that in the world of tomorrow there will be some kind of international organization to lead and coordinate cooperation in every field of life.

If there is to be a tomorrow for mankind on this planet, the aims which brought about the creation of the U.N. in 1945 will have to be fulfilled and every nation, including Israel, will have to contribute its share to their achievement. We must therefore be very careful not to identify the present U.N. and its leaders with the basic problems facing humanity and the ideal of understanding among nations. It would be like banning all music just because a certain orchestra did not play well.

Through its Prophets, it was Israel which gave mankind the vision of a world in which everyone will be able to live. And it is this vision which should be the guiding light for those who educate today's young Israelis. By doing so, we may not be able to change the moral standards of our enemies or even those of some of our so-called friends. But we shall at least preserve our own dignity and self-respect.

Avraham Yekel is the Director of the International Cultural Centre for Youth in Jerusalem and member of the Israel National Committee for Unesco.

READERS' LETTERS

THE AGE OF RETIREMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The columns of your newspaper once carried a protest about the early age of retirement. We think it is time now to repeat this protest. Why should people who are still able to work be paid for not working? A person who is fit at 65 feels terrible when forced to leave his job and anyhow looks for another one. Wouldn't it be better to prolong for a few years the age of retirement?

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IN DEFENCE OF ABBA EBAN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In recent weeks, M.K. Abba Eban has come under heavy fire from the press as well as from fellow M.K.s. I feel that the criticism is completely unwarranted. It is true that Mr. Eban was in the U.S. for a long period of time. His lectures at Columbia University on the Middle East problem were invaluable. Mr. Eban gave the Israeli point of view. His being there and his lectures were far more valuable than any public relations campaign. The Israeli government couldn't have bought a better advertising campaign anywhere. Mr. Eban spoke to the intellectuals of New York. He spoke to the most important segment of the American public.

J.J. KAPLAN
Haifa, January 5.

CHRISTIAN COURAGE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I just finished reading Chaim Bernheim's story on the 800 or so Soviet Jews who left Israel for Belgium, (December 18). If this is the Soviet Jews' attitude and mentality, they had better stay where they are.

MAX RIEGLER
Rehovot, December 18.
(The emigrants among the Soviet Jews make up 4 per cent of the 106,000 who have come since 1970 — a lower percentage than for almost all other immigrant groups.)
Ed. J.P.J.

THE GOREN AFFAIR

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In your issue of January 5, my name was erroneously mentioned in the sad and painful affair of the retrieval of bodies from the battlefields of the Yom Kippur War.

I had no part whatsoever in this affair, which can only cause grief, pain and sorrow.

I would be grateful if you published this letter so that my name should not be wrongly involved in an affair that is neither honourable nor healthy.

RABBI MENACHEM HACHOEN,
M.K.
Jerusalem, January 7.

Sir, — I am profoundly disgusted about the public dispute between Chief Rabbi Goren and the Military Chaplaincy. I am not personally concerned in any way and I don't even know who is right and who is not. But I believe the dead are dead and they have the right to be let to sleep in peace. No one has the right to use their corpses as ammunition in more or less personal disputes and rivalries.

BERNST BLANG
Petah Tikva, January 5.

PENFRIENDS
PATRICK AND MARGARET SKILLEN (both 27), of 19 Galside Park, Newpark, Dublin, Northern Ireland, are young married couple with two little girls. Patrick is a pre-medical student and his wife Anna and both are amateur ornithologists, who would like to know more about our country.

PORTION OF THE WEEK THE TWO MESSIAHS

Sifra: Va'era (Exodus 6:2-9:35)

IN RE-ENACTING our deliverance from Egypt and emergence as a peoplehood at the Festszeit of Pesach, we drink four cups of wine, one for each of the expressions of deliverance in this Sifra (6:2-7): "Say to the Children of Israel: I am God. I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from their bondage. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm... And I will take you to be my people..." (Shmot Rabbah 6:4; Bereshit Rabbah 88:5).

The late Sefardi Chief Rabbi Ben Zion Hai Uziel thought that, logically, deliverance from bondage should have come before liberation "from the burdens of the Egyptians." He answered his own question: "Before the Jews had been freed from the burdens of the Egyptians," they could and would not have appreciated deliverance from bondage and would not have appreciated deliverance from bondage — that is: not merely physical bondage but also the spiritual bondage of Exile. For freedom means not only freedom from enslavement and oppression but also — and especially — freedom from the slave mentality and possession of a sense of self as a free, responsible, hoping person or nation.

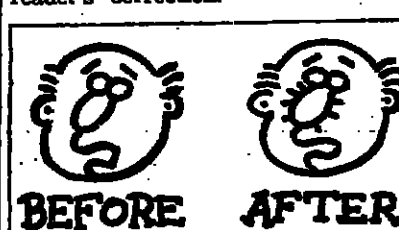
Later in the Sifra (6:27) we are told that both Moses and Aaron spoke to Pharaoh about freeing the Jews. Someone asked the great 19th Century forerunner of "practical Zionism," Rabbi Shmuel Mohilever, why God needed two emissaries. He answered: "The Final Redemption, too, will be brought about by two Messiahs — a Messiah of Joseph and Messiah son of David. The questioner repeated his question, and Rabbi Mohilever replied: One to take the Jews out of Exile, the other to take Exile out of the Jews ('Talmit Moshe,' by Moshe Hachoen Gordon, Tel Aviv, Avraham Tadmor, publisher, 5728).

POSTSCRIPTS

THE KEEN EYES of our readers never cease to amaze those of us who work on this newspaper. Some of them seem to examine every inch of type with a magnifying glass.

First prize must go to an anonymous reader in Jerusalem, who sent our "Dry Bones" creator a copy of the cartoon which appeared on January 2. He noticed that something was missing from one of the drawings, something that Kirichen had omitted by accident, and obligingly filled it in.

We reproduce below the drawing in question, before and after our reader's correction.



ON THE DAY that International Women's Year was officially proclaimed throughout the world this week, an enterprising Israel Radio team went into the streets to ask female Israelis what they thought about being the subjects of a "Year" and in general about their womanhood. One woman said it all suited her fine, and she was planning to get married soon and her husband would take care of her, so there. Another interviewee said: "I don't know. I'm a new immigrant." M.K.

HAPPILY integrated immigrants don't make as good newspaper copy as the complaining and disgruntled. But they do exist beyond the headlines.

A reader in Minneapolis has sent us a copy of a letter received from one such immigrant from the Soviet Union.

The new immigrant wrote (and we have only taken the liberty of correcting the English):

"You ask what our life is like. It's not bad. I really enjoy teaching. The more obstacles there are, the stronger the stubbornness with which I overcome them."

"December 18 was the second anniversary of my coming to Israel. Reviewing my achievements and disappointments now behind me, I find that there were more of the latter, which made me tremendously glad and a little proud of myself."

"You probably know that an immigrant faces a lot of problems. But the most difficult period is behind me. Now I am an Israeli. I speak Hebrew, I write Hebrew, I work in a Hebrew school. I speak Hebrew at home and in the street. I observe the Hebrew holy days. My children will be Hebrews and good Jews. I read the Bible and the more I get to know it, the prouder I become of my people, the better I realize what a great nation I belong to and I realize that I could almost have lost my people."

The writer, whose name is Shimon, adds a postscript asking his relative not to laugh "if the

letter is sentimental. This is the way I feel. I don't usually like to be sentimental, but once in two years..."

We don't know where Shimon and his wife Rivka are living in Israel. But we would like them to know that the letter made us feel a little sentimental, also proud and happy for them and for ourselves.

THE FOUR BRONZE HORSES stop St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, already 2000 years old, are likely to outlive us all. UPI reports, however, that they were likely to be affected by pollution, have been found polluted.

One of the horses has just undergone a year-long examination, after experts had thought that sulphur dioxide was eating into them. It's a "bronze cancer." It is now believed that the horses are not bronze at all, but made of copper with a surface layer of gold. The experts are discussing what kind of protection to give the four horses — some even think that periodic washing with plain water will be enough.

The horses were brought to Venice from Constantinople in 1204 but are believed to be either Greek or Roman in origin. Napoleon carried them off to Paris as booty but they were brought back to Venice by Emperor Francis I of Austria. Incidentally, the Venice City Council has now approved a \$3m. project to keep Venice a living city. Antiquated and crumbling homes will be renovated and new housing provided to keep young Venetians from leaving their home city. The project will also protect the Lagoon against the fight pollution, install a new water supply and drainage system and restore monuments and works of art.

THE STATE of U.S. Jewry has been summed up with a punchy Rabbi Allen Miller of Los Angeles who is president of the National Jewish Hospitality Committee.

Every American rabbi, he says, should be converting one non-Jew to Judaism for every 10 boys for whom he performs the Bar Mitzva ceremony.

He explains his equation as follows:

At present about 20 of every 100 American Jews marry non-Jews. About six of these marriages influence their spouses to become Jewish, i.e., a mitzva marriage, as he calls it. One of them will be married in church or convert to his partner's religion — an apostate marriage. About 13 of them will do neither — a mixed marriage. Only 20 percent of the Jewish men involved in a mixed marriage will raise their children as Jews. Thus unless the proportion of mitzva marriages is raised to the Jewish people in America will suffer a steady loss of strength, which must be made up for by conversion. The National Jewish Hospitality Committee was formed last year to urge rabbis and synagogues to welcome potential converts into the Jewish community and to attract mixed couples and their children into the synagogue.



INSTRUCTION NOTICE

An additional stage of the operation for repeat reporting and checking of persons exempt from defence service has now started.

During this stage, exempted persons who have never served in the Israel Defence Forces, and those exempted for medical reasons will be required to undergo a second checking procedure.

The obligation to report applies to males between the ages of 18 and 54 who are not members of the regular, national-service, or reservist members of the IDF.

Those concerned will be given a date on which to attend, and men to whom the obligation to report applies are therefore asked to wait until they receive an order to report for registration and checking.

In order to facilitate registration and checking, and to avoid trouble and unnecessary loss of time to those registering, they are asked:

a. to bring the following documents and certificates:

1. up-to-date medical certificates testifying their state of health
2. two passport photographs
3. identity card
4. army documents attesting their standing under the Defence Service Law

b. to attend punctually on the day and at the time stated in the order to report. Persons who, after repeat checking, are again found unsuitable for service, will be issued new exemption certificates. When the operation is over, only the new exemption certificates will be valid and the old ones invalid. Therefore, even persons who, for medical reasons, are clearly unable to serve, must report to receive a new exemption certificate.

Men with a profile of 21 who for reasons arising out of their state of health are unable to attend for registration may send a representative, who will present the medical certificates attesting their state of health. Alternatively, they may send the certificates by registered post, not later than 7 days prior to the reporting date given in the order they receive. Documents should be sent to Army Post 1376, Israel Defence Forces.

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